MINUTES

—OF THE—

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

WEST JUDSON

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH—

POPLAR SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

—ON— —

AUGUST 27, 28 and 29, 1901.

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Ministerial Report.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. J. Epting	Poplar Springs, Miss.
T. A. J. Beasley	Poplar Springs, Miss.
T. S. Baskin	Poplar Springs, Miss.
I. P. Randolph	Poplar Springs, Miss.
J. J. Pannell	Poplar Springs, Miss.
S. A. Wilkinson	Tupelo, Miss.
W. N. Swain	Tupelo, Miss.
A. J. Orshan	Plymouth, Miss.
J. C. Reynolds	Spring Hill, Miss.
J. A. Landers	Blue Springs, Miss.
J. H. Jenkins	Tupelo, Miss.
W. F. Davis	Saltillo, Miss.
S. W. Price	Leighton, Miss.
R. Weatherly	Plymouth, Miss.
G. E. Darling	Alpine, Miss.

LICENTIATES.

N. C. H. Thornton	Blue Springs, Miss.
J. S. Threldkeld	Saltillo, Miss.
Marion Hill	Malino, Miss.
Faunt Hardy	Graham, Miss.

Minutes.

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FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

The Seventeenth Session of the West Judson Baptist Association met with the Poplar Springs Baptist Church on Tuesday, August 27, 1901.

Introductory sermon was preached by I. P. Randolph, from II Timothy 2:19, after which a bountiful repast was served on the ground.

EVENING SESSION.

At 1:30 o'clock p. m., the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder T. A. J. Beasley. Prayer by J. A. Landers.

Brethren J. A. Landers and S. A. Wilkinson were appointed reading clerks.

Letters from the different churches were called for and read.

The Moderator appointed Brethren J. S. Price, T. S. Randel and S. J. Richey, tellers on permanent organization, resulting in the choice of Elder T. A. J. Beasley, Moderator, I. P. Randolph, Clerk, and A. F. Galding, Treasurer.

By unanimous agreement the old order of business was taken up, subject to amendment.

Brother, do you hear the voice of the Master as He calls you to help with your time, your talent and your money?

Submitted by

W. N. SWAIN,
RUFUS WHITE,
J. J. PANNELL,
Committee.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on Co-operation and Apportionment: W. J. Epting, G. C. otter and J. M. Smith.

Report on Home Missions was called for and read by W. F. Davis. Discussed by A. V. Rowe and others.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Missions is the greatest subject that has engrossed the attention of the children of God for many years gone by, and is in all the gatherings of Christians. Hence in the wisdom of the Southern Baptist Convention, it is divided into State, Home and Foreign Missions. The Home Mission field embraces Cuba, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, and that part of Texas which borders on the Riogrande from El Passo to its mouth. The Frontier field is about equal in size to the States of Alabama, Georgia, Florida and South Carolina, embracing several nationalities, with 65,000 Indians and a large percentage of whites.

Frontier Mission work is most important, because it is foundation work, and in order to accomplish the best possible work to meet the demands of the various classes of people on the Frontier, contributions to the Home Board should, ought and must be greatly enlarged.

Now, dear brethren and sisters, let us go to work earnestly and faithfully in the cause of Home Missions and God will amply reward you, and generations yet unborn will rise up and call you blessed of the Lord.

"Have with a purpose and do with your utmost might;
You will finish your work on the other side,
When you wake up in His likeness satisfied."

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. DAVIS,
B. B. LITTLE,
W. F. RAY.

Report on State Missions was called for and read by J. A. Landers, and discussed by A. V. Rowe and others.

Motion and second that these reports be adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee on State Missions would report: We have abundant reason for thankfulness to God for His blessings upon this work during the present associational year. We gather facts highly encouraging to our people in their efforts to evangelize the State.

The entire State has felt the evangelizing influences of the means employed. The funds contributed, the baptisms reported, the churches built, should prove a blessing and an inspiration, and awaken in us a burning desire to undertake and perform even greater things. To sustain men in the field requires money.

We therefore suggest that all interest themselves in this work and contribute regularly and liberally that our Board may meet its obligations to the men employed. Respectfully submitted,

J. A. LANDERS,
W. W. RUSSELL,
J. G. MCELROY.

Report on Associational Missions was called for and read by T. S. Baskin. Discussed by A. V. Rowe and others.

Motion and second that the Moderator appoint an Executive Committee to look after the destitution in this Association. Committee:

J. M. Smith, J. Y. Tucker, Isom Kelly, P. E. Mize and T. S. Baskin. Report adopted.

Report on Associational Missions.

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, beg leave to report that there is much mission work to be done in our Association. There is a field of work between Sherman and Tupelo, known as the Pilgrim's Rest field, which is being worked by Bro. S. A. Wilkinson. While there are some difficulties confronting the work, we believe it is hopeful. We recommend a hearty co-operation on the part of our churches with the Convention Board. Submitted.

T. S. BASKIN,
WHITE SHELTON,
ED MILLICAN.

Report on Apportionment and Co-operation was called for and read by W. J. Epting.

Report on Apportionment and Co-operation.

We, your Committee on Apportionment and Co-operation recom-

mend that the churches co-operate with the State Board and endeavor to raise the following amount for Missions, during the coming Associational year:

Union	$ 12 00	Fellowship	15 00
Longview	10 00	Camp Creek	25 00
Zion	12 00	Sherman	30 00
Oktibbeha	15 00	Locus Hill	5 00
Poplar Springs	30 00	Oak Grove	10 00
Birmingham	15 00	Oak Hill	15 00
Pleasant Valley	12 00	Zion Hill	10 00
Pleasant Ridge	25 00	Guntown	15 00
New Prospect	15 00	Tupelo	40 00
Mt. Gilead	10 00	Saltillo	8 00
New Harmony	10 00		
		Total	$339 00

Submitted,

W. J. EPTING,
GEO. POTTER,
J. M. SMITH.

We further recommend that the churches be asked to accept the Apportionment as the least amount.

We further recommend, that the 5th Sunday meetings be used to put forth a greater missionary effort.

Motion and second to adjourn until 1:30 o'clock, p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

After song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' name," and prayer by G. E. Darling, Devotional Committee reported that J. A. Landers preach in College Hall at 3 o'clock, p. m., and B. F. Whitten at night.

Report on Documents was called for and read by G. E. Darling. Discussed by G. E. Darling, A. V. Rowe, T. J. Bailey, H. L. Finley. Adopted.

Report on Documents.

We, your Committee on Documents, beg to make the following report:

We urge that all read the Bible, for it is the great foundation upon which all truth is based. The trouble is, we take too much to what man says and don't read the Bible for ourselves. We recommend our State paper, THE BAPTIST, for it instructs us how our work is progressing in the State, and further recommend that the churches at their regular meetings in December, make it a special day

for THE BAPTIST. We recommend the Home Field, the Foreign Mission Journal and our Sunday School Publication.

Respectfully submitted,

G. E. DARLING,
J. D. FRAZIER,
J. M. RANDLE.

Report on Sunday Schools was called for and read by J. S. Price. Discussed by J. S. Price, F. Souter, J. G. Kolb, H. Baker, and Bro. Mize Adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools.

We, your Committee, find from the report of the churches that most of them have a Sunday school, but that the attendance as compared with the membership of the churches, is indeed small. This ought not to be. A good, live Sunday school denotes a good, live church, because it is the church at work.

We urge that each church in the Association have a well organized school. We further urge that the pastors and delegates emphasize the importance of this work and insist that the Sunday school work of the Association be increased at least 50 per cent this year.

We believe the importance of this work can not be over estimated as a means of uplifting humanity. We are commanded to search the Scriptures and the Sunday school is a good place for the study of God's word. Respectfully submitted,

J. S. PRICE,
S. J. RICHEY.

Motion and second to adjourn until 8:30 o'clock, p. m.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

The Association spent 30 minutes in devotional services, conducted by Bro. H. L. Finley.

Minutes of previous day read and adopted.

Report on Temperance was called for and read by W. J. Epting. Discussed by W. J. Epting, F. Souter, H. L. Finley, J. S. Price, Dock Shelton, J. A. Landers.

Report on Temperance.

The Scriptures teach that we should be temperate in all things, especially abstain from and condemn the whiskey traffic. First let us notice the leader of the dark host of intemperance. Who is he? Their leader is the Devil, the Prince of the power of the air, the

demon of eternal darkness. He has a mighty army among us. All nations are filled with his agents. We see them in our own beloved country, in every department. We see them as busy as bees in our legislative halls, in our executive departments, in our courts of justice. Strong drink is furnishing our land with fatherless children, heart-broken wives. They crowd our State and county prisons with victims and furnishes subjects for the gallows, paupers for the poor houses, and we might add, they furnish hell with an almost innumerable company of lost and ruined spirits. And yet there are men who say, "No harm to take a drink, better sell license and let the country have the benefit of the whiskey sale." I think we as Christians and citizens should love our fellowmen too much to put a poison in their hands that will send their souls to hell just for the sake of a little tax money. "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Rom. 20:1. "Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink." Isa. 5:11. "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him and maketh him drunken." Hob. 2.15. "But they also have erred through wine and through strong drink are out of the way; the Priests and the Prophets have erred through strong drink; they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink, they err in vision, they stumble in judgment." Isa. 28:7.

W. J. EPTING, Ch'mn.

Report on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education was called for and read by W. N. Swain. Discussed by W. N. Swain and Frank Souter. Adopted.

Report on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education.

Your Committee beg to report Mississippi College in a more prosperous condition than in its history. The matriculation last session being 231, and for the session just closed 288, making a gain of 57 over the previous year. Already $13,000.00 of the endowment fund of $30,000.00 asked for has been raised. The President's home has been completed and it will be occupied by the opening of the present session. Of the 288 young men in Mississippi College, during the session of 1901-2, 33 of these are young preachers, studying and preparing themselves to "Preach the Word." Seven of them paid their own way entirely, nine had help to pay their board and fifteen had their board paid for them, they paying other expenses. We are glad to report the College out of debt and a small balance in the treasury.

We recommend our churches to urge the young men of their membership, who are expecting to enter the ministry, to attend Mississippi College. We do not believe in educational qualification as a prerequisite to ministerial work, but we do believe in an educated ministry. There is connected with Mississippi College a Board of Ministerial Education which looks after the wants and needs of young preachers who come to them recommended by their home churches, who are unable to pay their own way. May the Holy Spirit of God help us to help these noble young men who are the called of of God to do this work He has chosen for them.

Respectfully submitted,

W. N. SWAIN,
A. G. RANDLE,
A. L. DAVIS.

Report on Orphanage was called for and read by W. J. Epting. Discussed by W. J. Epting and others. Adopted.

Report on Orphanage.

This subject demands our attention and sympathy. To care for orphans is a God given work, and should have our support. Daniel says, Psalms 82:3: "Defend the poor and fatherless, do justice to the afflicted and needy and deliver the poor and rid them out of the hands of the wicked." Taking care of the orphan is a part of our religion and must not be neglected. We are glad that we, the Baptists of Mississippi have a home for the fatherless children. It is under the control of Rev. L. S. Foster, but it belongs to us and it is our duty to provide for these children. James says: "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and the widow in their afflictions and to keep himself unspotted before the world." Jas. 1:27. Our love to God and humanity should prompt us to do more for them. Brethren let us make a greater effort this year than ever before for the benefit of these children entrusted to our care. We suggest that every church, Sunday school and missionary society in the West Judson Association contribute more liberally to this cause.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. JENKINS,
G. E. WHITE,
T. I. EPTING.

Report on finance was called for and read by A. F. Golding. Adopted.

Report on Finance.

We, your committee on Finance beg leave to report the following amounts for Minutes and Missions:

MISSIONS.

Union church	$ 7 00	Pleasant Ridge for Clinton College	1 00
Fellowship church	4 45	I. P. Randolph	50
Locus Hill church	3 35		
Mt. Gilead	3 30		
		Total	$ 19 60

MINUTES.

Tupelo	$1 50	Locus Hill	60
Pleasant Valley	80	Pleasant Ridge	60
Longview	90	Zion	2 62
Sherman	1 25	Oak Hill	1 25
Zion Hill	85	Camp Creek	1 00
Oak Grove	50	New Prospect	1 00
Fellowship	1 10	Oktibbeha	1 50
Union	1 00	Saltillo	50
Guntown	1 50	Poplar Springs	1 60
New Harmony	50		
Mt. Gilead	80	Total	$21 27

We recommend that the Clerk retain $5.00 for his fee and appropriate the balance for printing minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. GOLDING.
J. F. KOLB.

Report on Obituaries was called for and read by Rev. M. Y. Caldwell. Adopted.

Motion and second that the Clerk give a page in the minutes for the names of the dead members of the churches.

List of Names of the Dead.

Oak Hill—Sisters Delmy Cox, Sarah F. Campbell. New Prospect—Bro. W. W. Treadway. Poplar Springs—Sister Sarah Jennings. Saltillo—Sister Hallie Barton. Guntown—Sister Mollie Bearden. Longview—Bro. J. T. Falker and Elizabeth Henry. Sherman—Sister Lizzie Cypert. Tupelo—1 dead. Locus Hill—1 dead. Pleasant Ridge—3 dead. Mt. Gilead—1 dead. Zion—1 dead.

Motion and second to adjourn until 1:30 o'clock, p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

After song and prayer by W. J. Epting, the following Correspondents were appointed.

To Judson Association—W. F. Davis, T. S. Baskin, T. A. J. Beasly, G. E. Darling, I. P. Randolph, W. J. Epting, A. F. Golding.

To Chickasaw—J. A. Landers.

To Aberdeen—W. R. Hampton.

To Tishomingo—W. J. Epting, G. E. Darling.

To State Convention—T. A. J. Beasly, I. P. Randolph, W. J. Epting, J. A. Landers.

To Southern Baptist Convention—T. A. J. Beasly, J. A. Landers, alternate.

Resolution of thanks offered by W. F. Davis:

We, the messengers and visitors of the West Judson Baptist Association, do hereby tender our thanks to the brethren, sisters and

friends of Poplar Springs and community, for the kindness and hospitality bestowed upon us during our stay with them.

Respectfully submitted, W. F. DAVIS.

Bro. T. A. J. Beasly was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon; Bro. J. Landers, alternate.

Motion and second to adjourn to meet with Fellowship Baptist Church on Tuesday before the first Sunday in September, 1902.

T. A. J. BEASLY,
Moderator.

I. P. RANDOLPH,
Clerk..

Committees to report on the following subjects at the meeting of the West Judson Association, 1902:

Foreign Missions—J. A. Landers.
Home Missions—W. J. Epting.
State issions—J. Y. Tucker.
Mississippi College and Ministerial Education—S. A. Wilkinson.

List of Delegates.

Oak Hill—Joe Reeder, John M. Milom and J. D. Pitts.
Uclatubba—H. Baker, W. A. Riley, W. R. Hampton.
Oak Grove—P. E. Mize, P. Morton, W. Shelton.
Sherman—M. Y. Caldwell, J. S. Price, J. Y. Tucker, J. D. Wade.
Guntown—J. H. Lasiter, I. N. Richey, Jet Richey, L. B. Smith.
Union—W. L. D. Roberts, A. T. Richey, A. J Richey.
Zion Hill—Rev. G. E. Darling, J. D. Frazier, J. M. Randle.
New Prospect—J. H. Bryant, Ed Millican, J. E. Burges.
Fellowship—T. J. Epting, R. White, G. E. White.
Pleasant Valley—Rev. J. H. Jenkins, D. R. Shelton, W. Tucker.
New Harmony—G. C. Patton, J. F. Kolb, J. H. Thompson.
Pleasant Ridge—S. L. Williams, W. Hartsfield, J. G. McElroy.
Locus Hill—W. N. Tucker, B. B. Little, Noah Riley.
Poplar Springs—T. A. J. Beasly, I. P. Randolph, T. S. Baskin.
Mt. Gilead—J. L. Bryant, F. M. Wynn, A. L. Davis.
Longview—W. W. Russell, Lamer Wilder, W. S. Wilbanks.
Zion—W. F. Ray, T. M. Horton. R. R. Jones.
Camp Creek—W. J. Epting, F. F. Smith, [illegible]. M. Stokes.
Saltillo—Hugh McCully, C. W. Bucy.
Tupelo—S. A. Wilkinson. W. N. Swain, Sister M. E. Thomas.

Statistical Table of the West Judson Baptist Association.

CHURCHES.	POSTOFFICE	PASTORS.	General Fund.	State Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Pastor's Salary.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	Sabbath of Preaching
Union	Blue Springs	T. A. J. Beasly	$11 00	$	$	$3 00	$3 00	$55 00	8			5			71	3rd
Guntown	Guntown	W. N. Swain	3 85					62 50		6		4		1	88	4th
Oak Grove	Leighton	W. J. Epting			$14 05	2 00	25	50 00				2			29	3rd
Sherman	Sherman	T. A. J. Beasly	58 00			25 00		90 00				5	1	1	104	2nd
Zion Hill	Alpine	W. J. Epting				2 50	7 50	50 00	5	3		4	2		167	3rd
Poplar Springs	Poplar Springs	T. A. J. Beasly				8 50	5 44		8	4		4		1	160	1st
Uclatubba	Guntown	J. A. Landers	10 00			1 10		83 50	4	9	1	2	1	2	60	3rd
Oak Hill	Nixon	J. H. Jenkins						65 00	2		2	6		1	176	1st
Zion	Furrs	J. H. Jenkins						50 00	20	2		7		1	172	2&4
Tupelo	Tupelo	S. A. Wilkinson				2 00			17	8		3	1	1	116	3rd
Saltillo	Saltillo	J. A. Landers				4 00		40 00	10	13	1	7	1	2	61	2nd
Camp Creek	Corona	L. R. Burress							5	5	1		4	1	130	3rd
Longview	Cox	J. H. Jenkins				3 25		60 00	4	1		4	3	1	160	1st
Mt. Gilead	Blue Springs	I. P. Randolph				3 35		35 00	17	1		6	1	3	166	1st
Locust Hill	Sherman	S. W. Price						60 00	1	5	1	6	1		235	2nd
Pleasant Ridge	Graham	J. J. Pannell				1 50		26 50	12	5		9			60	1st
New Harmon	Blue Springs	J. J. Pannell	34 70			3 82		50 00	6	1		1	14	1	62	1st
Pleasant Valley	Chesterville	W. J. Epting				3 45		50 00	4	8		7		1	88	4th
Fellowship	Graham	I. P. Randolph			10 20				26	5		5			115	
New Prospect	Ellistown	I. P. Randolph					2 25		9	7						
Birmingham	Birmingham	I. P. Randolph														
Pilgrim's Rest	Tupelo	S. A. Wilkinson														